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☒ Continuation☐ Divisional☐ Continuation-in-Partapplication of prior pending Application No. PCT/JP98/05705, filed December 17, 1998.For (Title): STAGE DEVICE AND EXPOSURE APPARATUSBy (Inventors): Tetsuo TANIGUCHI and Saburo KAMIYA

1. ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
- ☐ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
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--This is a ☐ Continuation ☐ Division ☐ Continuation-in-Part of Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_,  
which in turn is a \_\_\_\_\_. The entire disclosure of the prior application(s) is hereby incorporated by  
reference herein in its entirety.--
6. ☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-12) are attached.
7. ☒ Priority of foreign application(s) Nos. 9-364493 filed December 18, 1997 in Japan and 10-339789 filed  
November 30, 1998 in Japan are claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).  
☐ The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_.  
☒ A certified copy of the above foreign applications are filed herewith.
8. ☐ Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
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--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed  
\_\_\_\_\_.--
9. ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to \_\_\_\_\_ recorded at Reel \_\_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_\_.
10. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application  
(37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:  
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11. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached. Claims added by this Amendment are properly numbered  
consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered claim in the application.
12. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached.
13. ☐ Small entity status:  
☐ a. A small entity statement is attached.  
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